

REMARKSStatus of claims

Claims 1-20 remain in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 12 and 19 are currently being amended.

The rejection of Claims 3-5, 8-11, 14 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated in view of the amendments to the claims.

Claims 1, 4-7, 12 and 15-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No, 4,351,415 to Kita. Claims 1, 4, 6, 12 and 15-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Karazija.

The Kita reference relates to the use of an elevator's motion to generate power. The present invention relates to a system that raises an entire building to generate power. The Kita reference fails to disclose or suggest the use of a building including the weight of its frame and walls for the generation of power. The Applicant is thus using a normally static building structure. Kita uses an already movable structure (an elevator) to generate power.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to clarify that it is the motion of the building itself that is being used to generate power.

The amended claims are also believed to distinguish over the Karazija reference as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (508) 416-2475.

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